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Fresh Deciduous Fruit

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Report Highlights:

MY02/30 PS&D data for fresh apples and fresh pears have been updated. There is a 24 percent decrease in apple production from MY01/02 but this current estimate is higher than the initial forecast. There is a 13 percent decrease in pear production in comparison with the previous year's campaign with the current estimate roughly the same as initial forecast.

Includes PSD changes: Yes
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Executive Summary

Apples

Based on the most recent official data available (October 2002), the MY2002/03 total apple harvest (including cider apples) is currently estimated at 711,900 metric tons (mt), higher than our previous forecast of 693,000 mt. Table apple production is estimated at 683,000 mt, about 24 percent below the previous year. Estimated at 28,900 tons, cider apple production decreased dramatically in comparison to the previous season's crop of 61,600 mt, but higher than the crop of two years ago with only 15,200 tons; this decrease is due to the regular crop cycle. Cider apples are only used for cider production, while table apples sent to processors are used for the production of juices, jams and purees. About five percent of the total table apple crop is processed.

Apple stock levels at the beginning of November 2002, were about 35 percent below stocks of a year ago, and 35.7 percent lower than the average of the last three years. In Catalonia, the main apple production region, apple stocks were reported at 162,500 mt.

Total apple imports during the MY01/02 campaign were 176,376 mt, 42 percent below MY00/01 due to higher domestic production. MY01/02 Spanish imports of U.S. apples were 338 mt. Spain exported 131,797 mt of apples in MY01/02, a dramatic increase from 68,654 mt a year earlier. However, MY02/03 imports are estimated to be higher, and exports are estimated to be lower due to the lower production.

The average price paid during MY01/02 for apples for processing has been 0.054-0.070 Euros/kilo.

Pears

The MY02/03 pear crop is estimated at 626,900 mt, similar to our previously released figure. This output is 13 percent below the previous year's crop, and is due to unfavorable weather conditions in the main pear producing regions.

Pear stocks were 26 percent below the previous year's level and 23.4 percent lower than the average of the last three years. In Catalonia, the main pear production region, pear stocks were reported at 136,700 mt.

In MY01/02 imports of pears were 22,559 mt, 56 percent lower than during MY00/01 due to higher domestic production, while exports of pears reached 193,283 mt, an 83 percent increase from the previous season and much higher than the previous MY01/02 estimate.

The average price paid during MY01/02 for pears for processing has been 0.042-0.060 Euros/kilo for pears.

Prices paid in the MERCOLERIDA wholesale market for cold storage and controlled atmosphere pears and apple during the week of November 29 2002, were as follows:

Cold Storage

Conference +60	0.47-0.50 Euros/kilo
Passa Crassana (70-90)	0.30-0.36 Euros/kilo
Red Chief 70+	0.39-0.42 Euros/kilo
Golden 70+	0.36-0.42 Euros/kilo
Granny Smith 75+	0.27-0.33 Euros/kilo

Controlled Atmosphere

Blanquilla +58	0.60-0.63 Euros/kilo
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Note: Current exchange rate is 1 Euros/\$1.

PS&D Fresh Apple

PSD Table						
Country	Spain					
Commodity	Fresh Apples				(HA)(1000 TREES)(MT)	
	Revised	2000	Preliminary	2001	Forecast	2002
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		07/2000		07/2001		07/2002
Area Planted	49000	49100	49000	49000	49000	49000
Area Harvested	46500	46500	46500	46500	47000	47000
Bearing Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Bearing Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial Production	668500	668500	850000	882800	693000	711900
Non-Comm. Production	30000	30000	40000	40000	30000	30000
TOTAL Production	698500	698500	890000	922800	723000	741900
TOTAL Imports	272800	273800	170000	176400	250000	228000
TOTAL SUPPLY	971300	972300	1060000	1099200	973000	969900
Domestic Fresh Consump	723000	721000	750000	760000	728000	725000
Exports, Fresh Only	57800	65000	70000	132000	60000	60000
For Processing	170000	165800	200000	175000	165000	165000
Withdrawal From Market	20500	20500	40000	32200	20000	19900
TOTAL UTILIZATION	971300	972300	1060000	1099200	973000	969900

PS&D Fresh Pears

PSD Table						
Country	Spain					
Commodity	Fresh Pears				(HA)(1000 TREES)(MT)	
	Revised	2000	Preliminary	2001	Forecast	2002
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		07/2000		07/2001		07/2002
Area Planted	41500	40500	41500	40500	40500	40500
Area Harvested	38500	38500	38500	38500	38500	38500
Bearing Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Bearing Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial Production	575000	575000	653000	694000	606100	606900
Non-Comm. Production	20000	20000	25000	25000	20000	20000
TOTAL Production	595000	595000	678000	719000	626100	626900
TOTAL Imports	44000	43000	20000	22500	30000	30000
TOTAL SUPPLY	639000	638000	698000	741500	656100	656900
Domestic Fresh Consump	480000	470000	495000	478200	481100	480100
Exports, Fresh Only	93200	103000	135000	193300	115000	116800
For Processing	43800	43800	45000	45000	40000	40000
Withdrawal From Market	22000	21200	23000	25000	20000	20000
TOTAL UTILIZATION	639000	638000	698000	741500	656100	656900